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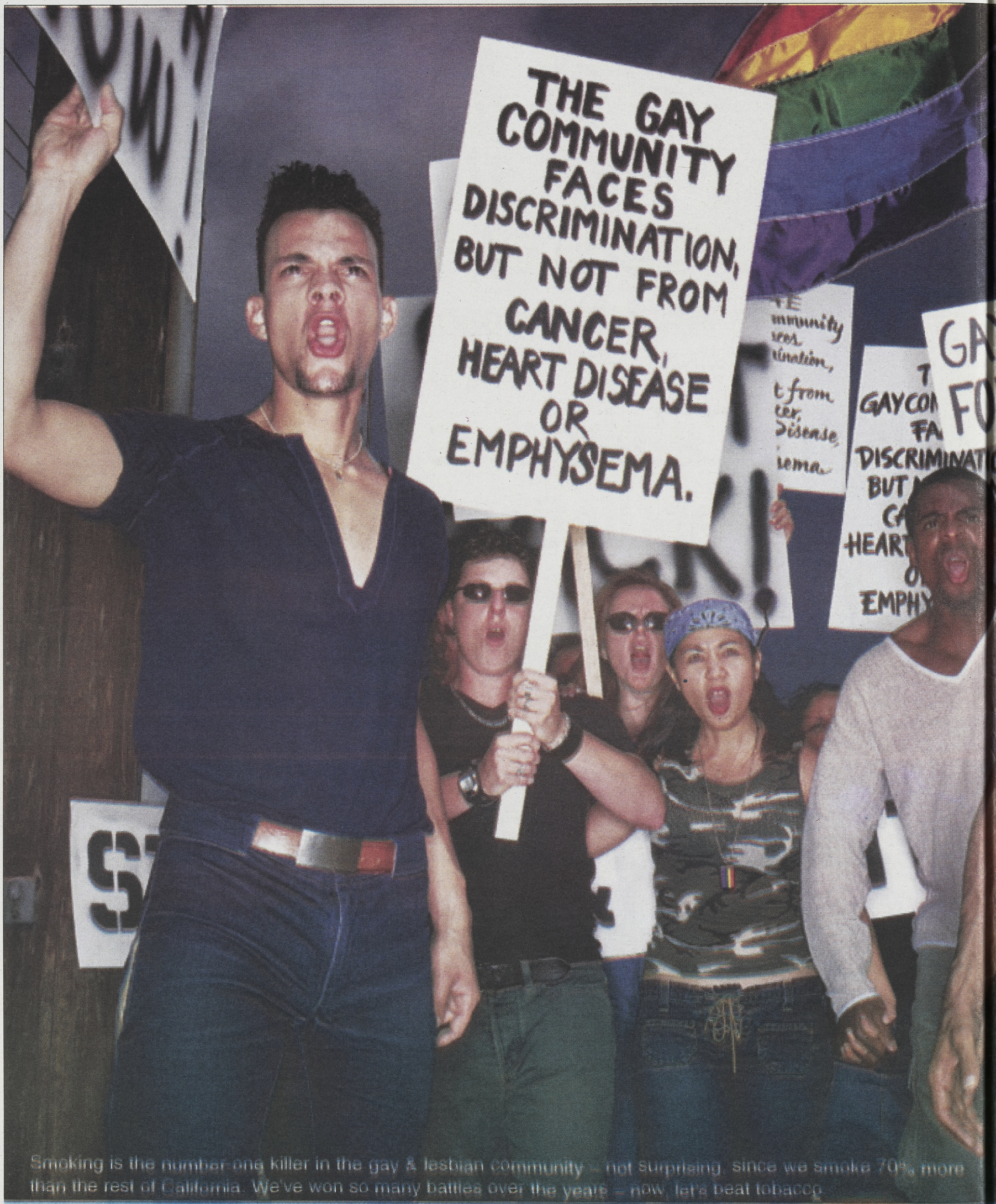
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# California Legislative Committee Passes Same-Sex Marriage Bill

In an historic first, the California State Assembly Judiciary Committee voted 8 to 3, along party lines, in favor of Equality Californias groundbreaking Marriage License Non-Discrimination Act (AB1967) by Assemblyman Mark Leno (D-San Francisco). This vote marks the first time in our nation's history that a state legislative body has voted in favor of issuing marriage licenses to gay and lesbian couples.

This is an incredible victory not only for Californias lesbian and gay couples and their children but for all people who believe in equal rights, said Geoffrey Kors, Equality Californias Executive Director.

The Committee voted to re-

turn California to the definition of marriage that existed before 1977, when the legislature changed it from a contract between two people to a contract between a man and a woman. That law is the only remaining law in California enacted by this body that affirmatively discriminates against a protected group of Californians.

While this is a significant step toward ensuring that all California families are treated equally, it is just one of many hurdles still needed to overcome to ensure victory. The legislation now moves on to the Assembly Appropriations Committee. ▼

## -The Vote-

### In Favor:

Ellen M. Corbett, Chair (Dem-18)  
Hannah-Beth Jackson (Dem-35)  
Darrell Steinberg (Dem-9)  
John Longville (Dem-62)  
Sally J. Lieber (Dem-22)  
John Laird (Dem-27)  
Lloyd Levine (Dem-40)  
Cindy Montañez (Dem-39)

### Opposed:

Tom Harman, Vice Chair (Rep-67)  
Todd Spitzer (Rep-71)  
Patricia C. Bates (Rep-73)

Info: [www.eqca.org](http://www.eqca.org)

# Nationwide Night of Marriage Equality Parties Growing Quickly

On May 16, the night before the historic Massachusetts

Supreme Judicial Court ruling granting equal marriage rights to same-sex couples is scheduled to go into effect, households across the country will host parties in support of the marriage equality.

Tom Bombardier and John Fowler have been together eight years and are the parents of two children, ages 22 and 24 months. They have donated a \$100,000 matching grant in support of the marriage equality work and are not only challenging people across the country to make a donation as part of this matching grant, but they are

also challenging people of means to match that grant in full.

Night to Create Change events will prove to be truly empowering events not only for the hosts, but for the people who attend the parties.

Already there are dozens of public and private parties happening in states; Michigan, Maine, Washington, New Mexico, Massachusetts, Florida, Ohio, Kansas, California, Wisconsin, Kentucky, Connecticut and Texas. ▼

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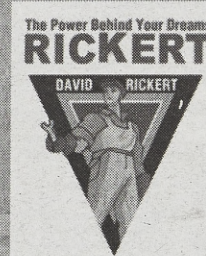


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## Gallup Poll Tuesday Briefing - Gay Marriage

Dear Editor,

I wanted to pass along the results of the Gallup Poll Tuesday Briefing regarding gay marriage.

There are many issues competing for consideration in the upcoming presidential election — most notably the war in Iraq, the economy, terrorism, the deficit, healthcare reform, and education reform. But on May 17, at least, gay marriage will probably be the most talked-about issue. That's the day Massachusetts is set to issue legal marriage licenses to same-sex couples, and if gays start marching two by two from all over the country to Bay State altars, gay rights could become a more prominent election issue.

So, it may be useful to examine attitudes about homosexuality by political party to find out where any divisions lie. A January 2004 Gallup Poll Tuesday Briefing conducted before local officials in California and New York married gay couples to challenge the state laws, found about 4 in 10 Americans (39%) were satisfied with the level of acceptance of homosexuality in the nation — 4% were "very satisfied" and 35% were "somewhat satisfied." The majority of Americans (56%) were dissatisfied — 24% "somewhat dissatisfied" and 32% "very dissatisfied." Interestingly, despite all the media attention focused on gay rights issues over the past year, these numbers have been relatively stable since Gallup Tuesday Briefing began asking the question on an annual basis in 2001. ▼

Thanks,  
Craig Sender  
New York

## Lambda Letters Thanks Terry Sidie & CGNIE

Dear Editor,

Lambda Letters Project recently received a contribution from Terry Sidie, on behalf of CGNIE, in the amount of \$1,000. The donation has come to us at a critical time, making the gift even more valuable. I want to express my sincere appreciation to Terry and to CGNIE for acknowledging that the work Lambda Letters Project does makes a tremendous difference, but beyond that, I want to let the LGBTI community know that this donation from Terry and CGNIE has come to us not just this once, but many times previously.

Lambda Letters Project, a state-wide organization, uniquely offers thousands of Californians direct access to the legislative process in order to affect public policy in four areas of concern - LGBTI issues; HIV/AIDS issues; people of color issues, and women's issues.

We provide you sample letters and e-mails monthly. You can sign and return these letters as is, or use them to create your own message. Lambda Letters Project has a Legislative Advocate who works full-time on behalf of the community. Last year LLP delivered over a quarter-million letters and e-mails on your behalf. For more information, please visit us at [www.lambdaletters.org](http://www.lambdaletters.org) ▼

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## Antigay Groups Ask To Enter Lawsuit That Seeks Marriage For Same-Sex Couples In New York

Antigay groups are asking a Manhattan court to let them intervene in a lawsuit filed last month by same-sex couples seeking the right to marry in New York. Lambda Legal represents the five lesbian and gay New York City couples in the first of several recent lawsuits filed in the state seeking full marriage for same-sex couples.

The antigay groups claim they would be harmed if same-sex couples are allowed

to marry in New York. Lambda Legal have said claims were rejected by courts in other states, including New Jersey, California and Florida. The groups include the Liberty Counsel (of Longwood, FL), the American Family Association Center for Law & Policy (of Tupelo, MS), the Thomas More Law Center (of Ann Arbor, MI), the New York Family Policy Council and Michael Long, Chairman of the Conservative Party of New York.

Similar efforts by antigay groups have been rejected in ongoing Lambda Legal cases seeking marriage equality in New Jersey and California (where lead counsel the National Center for Lesbian Rights and the ACLU are working with Lambda Legal to protect same-sex couples who were married in San Francisco and win full marriage statewide).

Lambda Legal also recently filed the first lawsuit seeking full marriage for same-sex couples in Washington State, in a joint case with the Northwest Women's Law Center. ▼

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-Coming Soon-  
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## School Board Adopts New Nondiscrimination Policy

Under pressure from parents, teachers, the community and the state, the board of trustees of the Westminster School District in Orange County, California has revised its policies on discrimination against transgender students and students who don't conform to gender stereotypes. For the first time, the district added race, ancestry, sex, and sexual orientation to its policy for handling discrimination complaints, and revised its definition of gender to more closely follow California state nondiscrimination law.

In a letter to the school board, California Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell declared the board's revisions to be technically in compliance with the law, but expressed "grave doubt as to the sincerity of the board's action."

Board members and the board's attorney made clear in public comments last week that the new policy was intended to exclude transgender students and staff from protection. O'Connell said that regardless of their intent, "The board remains obligated

to follow the law as declared by state statute and regulation. ▼

Info: [www.casafeschools.com](http://www.casafeschools.com)

## Details Magazine Discusses Controversial Gay Or Asian Feature

The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) and Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men New York (GAPIMNY) met with 'Details' Magazine staff members to discuss the controversial 'Gay or Asian' article published in the April issue.

"In our meeting, we made very clear the damaging effects the 'Gay or Asian' feature had on the GLBT API community, explaining how the piece made gay APIs feel like they had to choose between the two communities, how it made them feel invisible, and how it exacerbated homophobia in the API community while playing on racial stereotypes in the GLBT community and main-

stream society at large," said John Won, Co-Chair of Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men New York (GAPIMNY).

### In The Meeting:

\* 'Details' Magazine indicated they would move forward in a more sensitive manner, producing tangible results.

\* 'Details' will run a full-page apology in addition to publishing letters from individuals that expressed concern with the 'Gay or Asian' feature.

\* Editor-in-Chief Dan Peres said many of the stories suggested in the meeting may manifest in Details' "The Next Big Thing" feature in upcoming issues (i.e. profiles of GLBT / API artists and performers) as well as the "Power Issue" slated for October, which will feature the thirty 'most powerful men of the year.'

\* Peres encouraged the API GLBT community to "call him out" if he does not follow through on his commitment to more sensitive coverage. He also suggested a follow-up meeting in 6-8 months to evaluate Detail's coverage. ▼

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On Friday May 21, at Shabbat services, Congregation B'nai Israel will honor the memories of **Gary Matson** and **Winfield Mowder**, murdered in 1999 in their Redding home because they lived openly as a gay couple. They were shot as they were sleeping by the same men who, two weeks earlier, had fire-bombed the temple and had set fire to Keneset Israel Torah Center & Congregation Beth Shalom. Those men committed the acts of arson because of their hatred toward Jews, just as they committed the murders because of their intolerance of gays.

In these events the Jewish Community of Sacramento and the families and friends of Gary Matson and Winfield Mowder are forever bound together. In the spirit of tikkun olam (repair the world), the congregation felt it was time to reach out to these families who have suffered so grievously.

Several members of the Matson and Mowder families

will be attending the service. This is a beautiful gesture by Temple B'nai Israel to reach out to our community in solidarity around the tragedy that Jews and the GLBT community shared those horrible nights when their Temples were fire bombed and we lost this popular and gentle couple of loving men. Together we can envision a time when tolerance will be more than an ideal. Any who wish to attend are invited to join the congregation in this remembrance at the Shabbat services, which will begin at 6 pm, in the sanctuary of Temple B'nai Israel, 3600 Riverside Blvd. ▼

## Sacramento Men's Chorus Tackles Marriage

Love and marriage are the themes this year of the Sacramento Men's Chorus The Rhythms of Our Lives concerts, to be held on Friday, May 21 and Saturday, May 22, at 8 pm, and Sunday, May 23, at 4 pm, at the Pioneer Congregational Church UCC, 2700 L Street.

Under the leadership of Artistic Director **Carl Naluai, Jr.**, the Sacramento Men's

Chorus, which is about to celebrate its 20th season, tackles head on the thorny issue of love and the topical issue of marriage in a wonderful collection of songs old and new, serious and light, about the human heart and where love can lead. With songs like *Marry Me*, *Hand in Hand*, *Leonard Bernstein's One Hand, One Heart*, *Nat King Cole's great hit Orange Colored Sky*, *Stephen Sondheim's Agony and Getting Married*, plus a host of others.

The singers of the Sacramento Men's Chorus and their guest soloists provide a new, thoughtful, funny, and sometimes downright provocative spin on that most sacred of institutions, holy (or in some cases not so holy) matrimony.

The Sacramento Men's Chorus will also be taking a couple of these songs with them to Montreal, Canada, where the chorus will represent Sacramento in the Gay And Lesbian Association Of Choruses Festival, from July 17-24. ▼

Info: [www.sacmenschorus.org](http://www.sacmenschorus.org)

## Study Casts Doubt On Freudian Idea Of Homosexuality

An old Freudian idea that's contributed to beliefs that homosexuals aren't fit for marriage should be scrapped, according to a new study by California State University, Sacramento child development professor **Mark Biernbaum** that will ap-

pear in the May/June Journal of Homosexuality.

Contrary to Freud's theory, gay and lesbian individuals are not psychologically immature, according to Biernbaum's study. They haven't simply failed to grow into mental adulthood, which Freud believed caused them to seek partners of the same sex much like children seek playmates of the same sex.

Biernbaum found instead that gay and straight 18- to 25-year-olds with similar backgrounds responded almost identically to a questionnaire designed to test psychological maturity. That finding also rules out the idea that immaturity makes homosexuals more prone to mental illness.

"You can't make the link between psychological immaturity and homosexuality. It doesn't exist," Biernbaum says. "Yes, gay people do seem to be much more at risk for mental illness, but I think it must be due more to societal factors than psychological factors."

Biernbaum's current research and a series of other studies have found that homosexual youth are at increased risk for a host of mental health problems - including suicidal thoughts, depression and anxiety.

Biernbaum says his findings should influence how psychiatrists and other mental health professionals treat homosexual clients.

More generally, he says, the findings could help alter broad public perceptions.

"A lot of what's behind this whole debate about gay marriage is Freud's concept that homosexuals are promiscuous and aren't capable of a grown-up romantic relationship," Biernbaum says. "I really think all the recent media coverage showing gay couples

as real people sends an important message, both to society and to homosexual youth who may be having trouble finding their way."

In addition to not differing on psychological maturity, the study found no differences found between the two groups regarding their views on adult romantic relationships.

Biernbaum's study included 56 young people in the Seattle area ages 18-25; homosexual youth were matched with a heterosexual peer on a number of demographic factors as well as on their views about mature, romantic relationships. It compared their responses about how they handle conflict and whether they felt symptoms of mental illness.

The study was part of more extensive research about college student adjustment.

Biernbaum acknowledges that the portion of the research dedicated to homosexuality was limited in scope, and suggests additional research is needed. An important strength of his work is matching of young people from similar backgrounds. Most similar research has compared small groups of homosexual youth to large groups of heterosexual youth.

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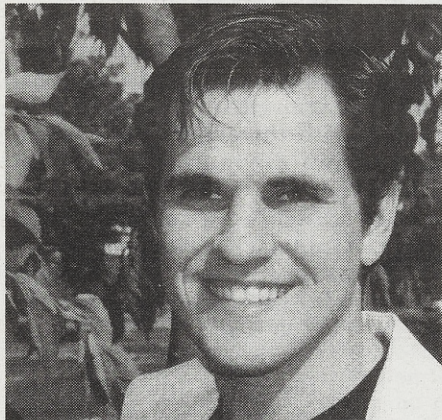


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By Ed Kelley

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Asked in Midtown



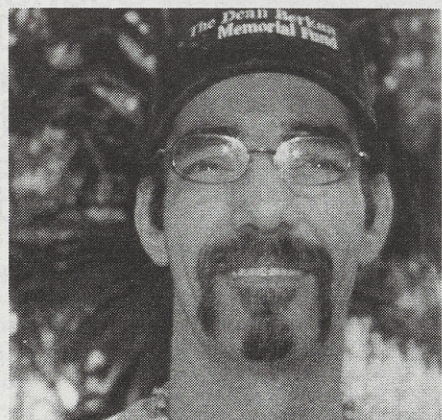
**K.C. Kimber**  
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Yes, I recently volunteered my time at CGNIE's coronation. I had a terrific time and look forward to attending future coronations throughout California. Especially when they support worth while causes!



**Guy Crouch**  
Sacramento  
Accountant

Yes! I have been to a drag show in San Francisco about 10 years ago. My Lincoln was used to provide a grand entrance for the shows.



**Vegas Scott**  
Sacramento  
Bartender

Yes, I went to a drag show in Las Vegas. The one I went to, the boys really did look like girls!



**Joseph Weems**  
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Media sponsors are the San Francisco Bay Guardian, Gloss Magazine and the San Francisco Spectrum. Joie de Vivre Hospitality is donating a residency at the Rex Hotel and a weekend stay in a luxury hotel as part of the first Prize.

The contest winner will also receive \$1000 cash. First and second runners-up will receive \$500 and \$250, respectively. Red Hook is graciously underwriting the

program costs and the prize money.

A series of feeder competitions, at locations throughout the community, will lead to the final event on June 19, at a venue to be announced. The first competition will be held on Sunday May 2 at The Edge Bar in the Castro. ▼

Info: [www.prideidol.org](http://www.prideidol.org)

## Bay Area Filmmakers Come to UC Davis

Bay area filmmakers Donald Goldmacher and Dan Bree will present two films at UC Davis on

May 8. The screening and discussion are sponsored by the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual,

Transgender and Ally Alumni (LGBTAA) chapter of the Cal Aggie Alumni Association.

Bree's "Act of Faith" explores the conflict between homosexuality and traditional Islam through interviews with three gay Muslim men. Award-winning, Ruthie and Connie: "Every Room in the House", produced by Goldmacher, is an intimate biography of two women who have been together for over 30 years.

The couple made headlines in the 1980s and early '90s when Ruthie Berman won a lawsuit against the New York city public schools, winning domestic partner benefits for gay and lesbian employees. The event will be held from 4 to 6 pm in the AGR Room of the Walter A. Beuhler Alumni and Visitors Center on the main campus. ▼

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# Food + Wine

## At The Cafe Melange With The Closet Gourmet

### MGW Staff

It has been a very good week for the gourmet, despite a Scrabble loss to the gourmet's arch rival, **Dandy D**. A grueling night of Scrabble with **Big B** and **Dandy D** left the gourmet drained and searching for comfort after being roundly trounced by both opponents and then becoming the butt of their cruel jokes. As **Big B** says, "We don't play for money, just grief and neeners!"

After such trauma, that even ice cream could not assuage, the Gourmet, scooped up a friend and off we went to sample the culinary delights at the **Cafe Melange**, which, as it turned out was a very nice surprise.

There is no table service, you look at the menu on the counter, along with some examples of the food and make a choice. You stand in line to pay at a cash register, but the process is pretty fast and so is the service.

The menu is not large, but it is exceptional, and very reasonably priced. It is well balanced with vegetarian entrees.

My friend had the leg of lamb sandwich with onions and fontina cheese, and a spinach, strawberry, almond salad on the side. I chose the salmon, BLT sandwich with pesto aioli on focaccio bread. I chose a cucumber, tomato salad with ripe olives, onions and feta cheese.

Both the gourmet and the gourmet's companion found the meal delicious. The portions were so large that even though we had arrived ravenous for a late lunch, we were unable to finish. The strawberries were so sweet that they practically melted in our mouths. The cucumbers in my salad were very crisp with no hint of bitterness that one

finds in cucumbers that are under ripe.

The prices were so reasonable and the portions so large, that I wonder how **Cafe Melange** is able to stay in business!

**Cafe Melange** also has a large coffee and tea menu. (I had iced tea, which was very fresh and refreshing on a warm day.) The desserts were picture perfect and I will definitely be going back for an eclair or maybe that berry tart or the tiramisu!

We got there about 1:30 pm so most of the lunch rush was past. There did seem to be a steady stream of people coming in during the hour or so we were there.

With the **24th Street Theatre** nearby, **Cafe Melange** could become the official neighborhood hangout.

With its spacious interior, and upper deck, I could see this place having some tasteful music on the weekends. Of course it could always become another open mike mecca for the caffeine crowd!

**Cafe Melange** serves breakfast from 8am to 1:30 pm on Saturdays and Sundays. Dinner is served Wednesday - Friday from 5-9pm. Lunch is served Monday-Friday, 11-2pm.

Whether it is take out for one or eating out after a show, when you want something tangy and Tuscan at a price that will give you change back from a ten, you owe it to yourself to give **Cafe Melange** a try.

**Cafe Melange** is located at 2700 24th Street at the corner of 24th Street and 2nd Avenue. The restaurant is open seven day a week from 6:30 am to 9 pm.

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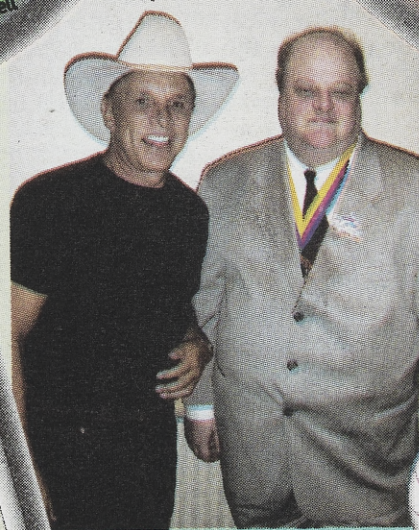


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Terry Sidie  
and CGNIE  
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On behalf of MGW, I would like to congratulate CGNIE on the occasion of their 30 year anniversary, and I would also like to give a special thank you to Terry Sidie & Michael Johnston for giving MGW the opportunity to take part in your celebration. In closing I would like to congratulate both the newly elected monarchs (Empress XXXI Raquel Lincoln & Emperor XXXI Gary Vickers) and those stepping down (Empress XXX DoMe Moore & Emperor XXX Jonathan Cameron) for all the hard work and dedication both in the past and looking on into the future!

-Jeffrey Davis  
Executive Editor MGW



# Turning 30 years!!!



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# Big Fat Disappointment

by Stefan Gruenwedel  
MGW Staff

Watching the ads for **Connie and Carla** shows just how desperate the marketing folks are to promote this film as a fun night out for the whole family—or at least for hip young people. Audiences are apparently walking out of the film belting out the show tunes as though they just saw “Mamma Mia,” the ABBA musical.

The ads are way off. Unless you're a die-hard dinner-theater patron or Broadway show aficionado who cannot get enough of show tunes, the latest effort by **Nia Vardalos** will leave you wondering how so much talent

could produce such a predictable, trite, maudlin yawn.

In the case of Vardalos, the gold she struck with *My Big Fat Greek Wedding* does not pan out this time. She knew that world—it was her heritage and family life—but in *Connie and Carla* she's over her head and way out of her element. Her portrait of gay life seems dated, and especially odd given its West Hollywood location.

Vardalos made over-the-top ethnic family humor seem funny again. But since when was over-the-top drag queen humor funny? As a vehicle for parlaying serious messages about the tensions between family and individuality, and how sexual expression can unite a community, she uses sitcom-level humor that displays little creativity beyond a few funny one-liners—and, worse, perpetuates stereotypes found only among the most acid-tongued queers.

It tries to be as funny as *Some Like It Hot* and as touching as *Yentl*, but *Connie and Carla* falls flat. It's hard to tell how early in the film this is apparent, but it may happen as early as the first



Drag queens Peaches/Robert (STEPHEN SPINELLA), Paul (ROBERT KAISER), Carla (TONI COLLETTE), Connie (NIA VARDALOS), Patty Melt/Brian (CHRIS LOGAN) and N' Cream/Lee (ALEC MAPA) perform their *South Pacific* medley in the new comedy, *Connie and Carla*.

scenes, in which we see Connie (Vardalos) and Carla (Toni Collette), two energetic, ever-hopeful singer/dancers, who perform in a Chicago airport lounge and dream of making it big. Straight out of last year's *Anything But Love* is a scene of someone on stage in a big city airport lounge while the sound of airplanes overhead drowns her out. Coincidence or rip-off? (More about that later.)

To get the movie going, they witness a mob hit and are forced to flee for their lives. Given that they are being pursued by a ruthless killer who believes they have a ton of his money, you'd think they would drive somewhere truly remote, like Saskatchewan or Yucatán. But no, the comedic twist is that they go to a place “devoid of culture,” where no one will

cannot just concern these two women's hiding from the mafia. So of course they seek refuge—and, no surprise, a paying gig—as drag queens in a gay nightclub.

While this farce may play in Peoria, it seems positively

ever spot them: Los Angeles.

When the laughs die down over that decision, it seems apparent that the film

motives. Meanwhile, Connie has to keep pretending she's a he dressed as a she, even though she likes Jeff.

Somewhere in all this melodrama, Carla is left on the sidelines: When she's not pining for the boyfriend she left behind in Chicago, she's conveniently off-screen while Connie flirts with Jeff or consoles Peaches.

While all this is going on, the gangster (Boris McGiver) keeps visiting dinner theaters across the country in the hopes that he'll spot them. His passage from one location to the next becomes a tired segue from the action in LA.

As for the music itself, Vardalos and Collette are really pretty good.

Their costumes are fun to look at, despite their implausible elaborateness, and their singing is powerful and listenable. Even **Debbie Reynolds** makes a cameo appearance to lend an air of panache. (You have to wonder, though: Anything But Love also featured an unexpected cameo—by **Eartha Kitt**. Coincidence or rip-off?)

Unfortunately, the dozen song and dance numbers that showcase the talents of Vardalos and Collette do not make up for the total lack of substance holding up the rest of the show. A great deal of talent is wasted on great deal of fluff.

Connie and Carla plays at:  
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## GLAAD Honors Julianne Moore, Cherry Jones At 15th Annual GLAAD Media Awards In New York

The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) honored Julianne Moore, Cherry Jones, "In the Life," and the best in journalism, film, television, and theater at the 15th Annual GLAAD Media Awards Presented by ABSOLUT VODKA at New York's Marriott Marquis.

At the ceremony, "Far From Heaven" director, Todd Haynes, presented Julianne Moore with GLAAD's Excellence in Media Award.

The Excellence in Media Award honors a member of the media community who has made a significant difference in promoting equal rights for GLBT people.

Glenn Close presented Tony Award-winning actress Cherry Jones with GLAAD's Vito Russo Award, which honors an openly gay or lesbian member of the media community for their outstanding contribution in combating homophobia.

Musician, producer, and fashion designer, Sean Combs presented the award for Outstanding Reality Program to Bravo's hit series, "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy."

The winner of the first people's choice award in GLAAD Media Awards history, the Favorite OUT Image of 2003 Award, was also an-



Cherry Jones, GLAAD Executive Director Joan M. Garry, and Julianne Moore at the 15th Annual GLAAD Media Awards in New York.

nounced. With the help of founding sponsor ABSOLUT VODKA, GLAAD promoted an online poll in which fans voted for their favorite gay character or openly gay personality from the world of entertainment.

The winner — Bianca from "All My Children" — was selected from voters in over 20 countries. Actress Eden Riegel, who plays Bianca Montgomery, accepted the award.

Guests at the after-party enjoyed the music of renowned DJ, Junior Vasquez. Other guests and presenters at the event included: Ted Allen, Kyan Douglas, Thom Filicia, Carson Kressley, Jai Rodriguez ("Queer Eye for

the Straight Guy"); Chris Beckman ("Real World Chicago"); Mario Cantone ("Sex and the City"); Sam Champion (WABC-TV); Phil Donahue and Marlo Thomas; Peter Gaitens ("Flesh and Blood"); Mariska Hargitay and Chris Meloni ("Law & Order: SVU"); Moises Kaufman ("The Laramie Project"); Judith Light; Cynthia McFadden (ABC News); Kimberly Newsom (Court TV); Cynthia Nixon; supermodel Ines Rivero; Ben Shenkman; Christopher Sieber; Doug Wright ("I Am My Own Wife"); and independent film producer Christine Vachon. ▼

Info: [www.glaad.org/mediaawards](http://www.glaad.org/mediaawards).

## Gay Day at Dollywood

## Gay Day at Dollywood Theme Park

The 2nd annual Gay Day at Dollywood will be on Saturday May 22nd. Dollywood does not sponsor or endorse this event. Gay Day at Dollywood made its debut last year as the finale of events for the East Tennessee Pride Festival in Knoxville, Tennessee. They had over 1,300 participants in the park most wearing red shirts.

Dollywood is home to many rides including the



Mountain Sidewinder & the Tennessee Tornado coasters.

The color for this year is Red! Taking after Gay Day at Disney and other successful Gay Day events at other parks across the nation. ▼

Info: [www.gaydaydw.com](http://www.gaydaydw.com)

## International Mr. Leather To Be Held In Chicago

Following last year's 25th Anniversary Celebration, the world's hottest leathermen will compete for the title of International Mr. Leather, Thursday, May 27 through Monday, May 31 (Memorial Day Weekend) in Chicago. The Hyatt Regency Chicago, 151 E. Wacker Drive, is the official host hotel for IML 2004.

About 400 gay leathermen gathered in Chicago in 1979

for the first International Mr. Leather contest.

The event has grown to be an annual tradition for tens of thousands in the leather community - drawing contestants and attendees from around the globe. Once an event for "hardcore" leathermen, IML has expanded in recent years to include a more diverse crowd. ▼

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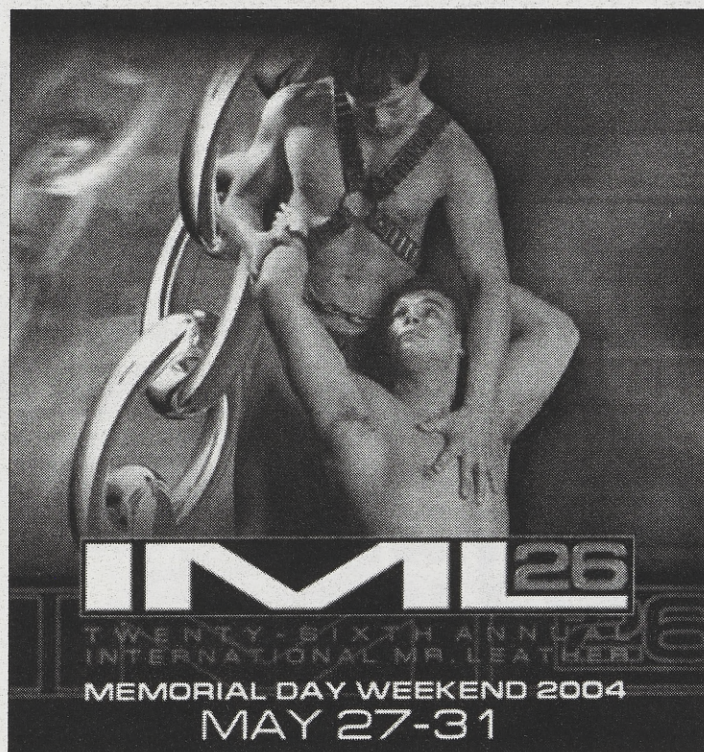
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## Billy Bean Joins Gay Games Ambassadors Former U.S. Major League Baseball Player Lauds Gay Games' Goals

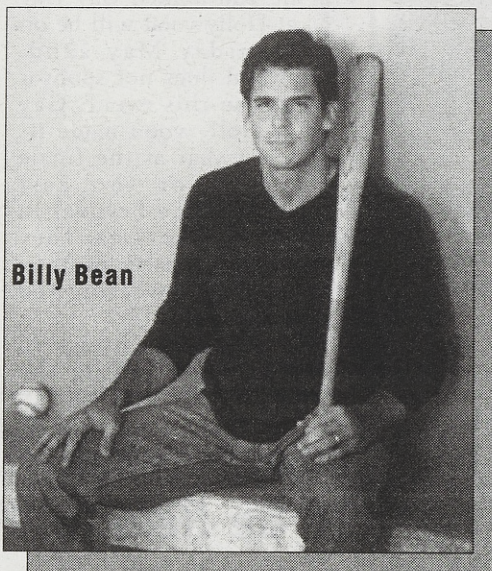
by MGW Staff

**B**illy Bean, prominent spokesperson for the GLBT community and ten-year professional baseball veteran, is joining the Gay Games Ambassadors program, it was announced by the Federation of Gay Games.

"For 20 years the Gay Games has been instrumental in fostering positive images of the GLBT community through sports and culture," said Bean from his home in Miami Beach. "As a lifelong athlete and gay man, supporting the Gay Games and its principles of 'participation, inclusion and personal best' is something I can embrace with a great amount of enthusiasm. I'm pleased to be asked to join the Gay Games Ambassadors."

Gay Games VII will be held in Chicago from July 15-22, 2006. Bean joins a list of Gay Games Ambassadors supporting the upcoming Chicago event including tennis legend **Billie Jean King**, former U.S. Ambassador **James Hormel**, Olympic gold medal swimmer **Bruce Hayes**, actress **Judith Light**, and artist **Tom Bianchi**.

Bean, a California native, joined the Detroit Tigers in 1987 with a bang by tying a U.S. record with four hits in his first major league game.



Billy Bean

He subsequently played for the Los Angeles Dodgers and the San Diego Padres. In 1996, in the prime of his career, Bean walked away from Major League Baseball, in part because of a year-long struggle dealing with the sudden death of his former partner, and the frustration of holding on to that secret alone. His desire not to let that happen to anyone else motivated him to come out in 1999, sharing his story and urging people to use honesty as a foundation for life.

For the past five years Bean has worked actively to dis-

pel myths and stereotypes about people of diversity, particularly in athletics. He serves as a national spokesperson for the U.S. organization the Human Rights Campaign, doing outreach to young adults who are desperately in need of a role model.

Bean is one of very few former professional athletes and the only living former Major League Baseball player to acknowledge his homosexuality.

He and his partner of nine years, **Efrain Veiga**, share a real estate business redeveloping residential properties. He is the author of "Going the Other Way: Lessons from a Life In and Out of Major League Baseball" (Avalon Publishing Group, NYC). A film adaptation of his book, produced by Storyline Entertainment, will air soon on Showtime, a U.S. television network. ▼

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## Monarch's New Draft Pick Called "OUTSTANDING"

by Pat Hewitt  
MGW Staff

**E**xpected to be long gone by the time the Monarchs' #10 draft pick came up, the Monarchs happily grabbed 6'3" Georgetown forward

**Rebekkah**

**Brunson**, named Big East Defensive Player of the Year in 2003, averaging 12 rebounds and 19 points a game in her last year at Georgetown.

While previously playing at the power spot for Georgetown, it is assumed Brunson will be converted to the wing for the Monarchs.

A draft pick called "sly" by ESPN analyst **Vera Jones**, Jones described the new Monarch as "versatile and athletic. She can shoot the ball, run the floor, and makes good decisions".



Brunson will debut in the purple and white at a pre-season game against the host Mercury on May 10, followed by the season opener in Phoenix on May 20th.

Joining rookie Brunson on the Monarch roster will be another Monarch draft pick, 5'8" guard **Nuria Martinez**

who was taken 36th overall in the third round of the draft.

A member of the Olympic team for Spain, Martinez previously played three seasons with Barcelona in her homeland, followed by a year with the Salamanca team. ▼

## Monarchs Support Breast-Health Awareness

**M**onarchs join the WNBA in their quest to educate women about the importance of breast health aware-

ness. **Edna Campbell**, Monarchs guard and the first WNBA player to be diagnosed with breast cancer, leads the Monarchs in encouraging all women to conduct regular self exams, schedule yearly clinical exams and, for women over 40, regular mammograms.

On Saturday, May 8, Maloof Sports & Entertainment and the entire Sacramento Monarchs team will walk in the local Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation "Race for the Cure" and on Tuesday, July 29, the Monarchs will host their annual Breast Health Awareness Night presented by Sutter Home Winery. ▼

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## WNBA'S Cleveland Rockers Folds

by Pat Hewitt  
MGW Staff

**W**ith slipping attendance and seven consecutive years of losses, the Cleveland Rockers are history. After an unsuccessful three month search for a buyer willing to lay out a cool 10 million for a WNBA franchise that had never turned a profit in its seven years of play, the WNBA

closed down the franchise and ordered a dispersal draft of the Rockers players.

One of the original WNBA teams, the Rockers never generated the interest needed to keep the franchise afloat, and losses were said to average \$1 million annually to the owners, who also own the Cleveland Cavaliers. ▼



## For Skin

## Hi Gorgeous!

**T**o say we were excited to be actually seeing Oprah and attending the "Hi Gorgeous" event would be an understatement! Cindy and I have been watching Oprah forever. We have learned from Oprah, dieted with her, celebrated her triumphs, admired her, cried with her and even turned 50 during the same year as Oprah. We are two positive and strong women who could hardly contain ourselves at the good fortune of obtaining tickets to the San Diego event. "WE'RE GOING TO SEE OPRAH!" I screamed into the phone after reaching Cindy in her classroom of third graders. We started planning and organizing our adventure immediately.

Cindy & I have been friends since High School and have managed to maintain one of those rare "sister" type of friendships that has endured marriages, divorces, childbirth and many ups and downs. We currently live about 500 miles apart, yet we talk on the phone, email and see each other often. The plan was for Cindy who lives in Northern California to fly down to my house in Southern California the Wednesday prior to the Saturday event. From here forward this time period will be referred to as "B.O." (before Oprah). We would spend Wednesday and Thursday together and drive down to San Diego on Friday, stay overnight and be ready to attend HI Gorgeous early Saturday morning.

We had a great B.O. time, we shopped, laughed, enjoyed the drive to San Diego, speculated on all the "what ifs" regarding the event and genuinely had fun with the "journey" while certainly not losing sight of the final destination which was to actually see Oprah Winfrey. Let me just mention here that while we are able to get simply giddy over **The Beatles**, **Maya Angelou**, a **Yanni** Concert or a fabulous meal...NEVER have we been more excited. Anyone who knows us knows this is no slight exaggeration and we even received cards and telephone messages from well-wishers on "Oprah Eve" telling us to have fun and relish the experience.

So, the day of the event we were up bright and early. We had done a trial run the day before, so we knew exactly how to get to the outside park where the "Second Coming" would take place! The weather report had warned of a 30% chance of rain, but a few clouds overhead were not going to slow us



"Just a couple of Oprah refugees".

down one bit. We forged ahead, dressed in cute outfits that we had discussed in length many times over. We were neither dressed too warm or too lightly. Long sleeved and in layered linen for the most part, comfortable yet functional shoes and as almost an after thought...Cindy grabbed a small umbrella. I teased her about this at the time thinking she would only regret having to carry it around all day.

When we arrived at the Embarcadero Park, we realized that so many women had gotten up earlier than we did and had obviously been waiting in line a LONG time. Estimating the count, we were probably about #1000 and 1001. It was incredible to see and be a part of so many excited, happy and friendly women! The line wrapped around the Marina, there were pink Oprah Hi Gorgeous signs around us everywhere and off in the distance we could see the little "Oprah village". There were white tents laid out in a festival-type arrangement, all pink and white with the beautiful background of the ocean and the trees.

The line was moving very slow, and we began to see more and more clouds! In spite of Cindy's optimism and the assurances of a woman we had met who lived in San Diego saying "it'll be ok, no more than a sprinkle if anything at all", I decided to make a dash back to the car to get our rain jackets. Cindy had barely moved from the line where I left her. 10 minutes later, it began raining. At

first it sprinkled, then it came harder and harder and then came the wind! We had actually loaned our umbrella to some women who were jacketless and far less sensibly dressed than ourselves. We at least had jackets and hoods. The winds got fierce, we heard women screaming! Some from sheer surprise at the turn of events, some from laughter...but the mood had changed.

We noticed orange rain slickers being handed out. We each eventually got one, but we were already soaked to the brim. By the time it was our turn to enter under the arches, we laughed when we heard the recorded message telling us how "GORGEOUS" we were! It was utter chaos mixed with a little hope, anticipation and disappointment. The weather was not going to let up.

Our first stop was at the State

Hi- I normally write the skin care column, but am sending along this article about my experience seeing Oprah. Thanks!  
-Deborah Frank

Farm Insurance booth where they were taking pictures. In spite of how NOT Gorgeous we knew we looked, we HAD to have a picture to remember this moment.

It was at this point where Cindy's already numb fingers seemed to lose all feeling, her circulation was gone and her freezing hands were curled into little useless balls. She was unable to open her bags, gather any goodies, eat or drink any samples offered at the soggy booths. Yet, she never wavered! I fed her cheese with wet toothpicks, collected her "Hi Gorgeous" charm pieces and she smiled and cheered me on at every booth! At about 1pm we happened to be walking by the main stage where amazingly there were people sitting in seats, in the pouring rain.

The crowd appeared almost trance-like, they seemed to be thinking that something was going to happen. When, just at that very moment, there was some minor commotion just to the left of the stage and the crowd began to chant "OPRAH! OPRAH! OPRAH!" We were shouting with the crowd "OPRAH OPRAH OPRAH" and then we saw Oprah's best friend **Gayle** get on stage. No more than maybe 15 feet from where we were standing. Then, before we knew it, we were face to face with **Oprah** herself. We couldn't believe it. Raining as hard as ever, we clung to each other our eyes filled with

tears...there she was! She welcomed everyone, apologized for the event having to be called due to weather, told us we were all GORGEOUS, thanked us for coming...and she was gone. Cindy and I hugged each other and cried. It was the one bright moment in this crazy, insane day. We came, we saw Oprah, we conquered and now it was time to head for home.

Like a couple of "Oprah Refugees" we dragged ourselves, our Oprah bags of goodies and our wet and soggy clothing through puddles and mud and made it back to the car. It was about an hour before Cindy could feel her fingers again and we laughed and told "A.O." stories (after Oprah) while dining on "Oprah boxed lunches" in the car. We then changed our clothes and drove the 3 hours back to Fountain Valley.

During all our planning and during all our speculation of how this would be or that would be, we never thought it would play itself out the way it did. We probably got closer to Oprah this way than we ever would have if things had gone as planned. A trip to Chicago will have to be in our future, but we have a memory that will last a lifetime. As I dropped Cindy off at the airport just one day "A.O.", she said "I didn't come to just see Oprah, I came to be with you...my best friend".

As I drove away, I know Cindy was right, it was meant to be exactly as it was.

Bye Gorgeous!

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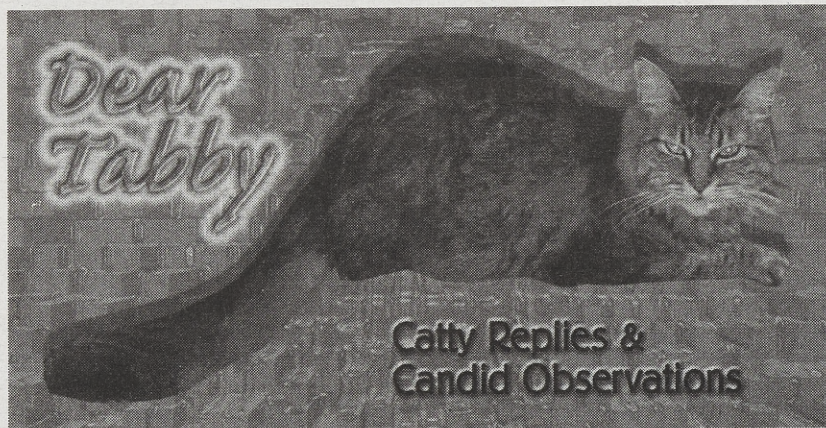
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## Out with Pets



Dear Tabby

Catty Replies & Candid Observations

Dear Tabby,

Every time I take a shortcut through the neighbor's yard, their dog chases me. Now my folks are talking about getting a dog. That worries me. Am I going to have to run every time the dog comes around?

Running Scared in Alkali Flats

Dear Scared,

It's understandable that you get yourself chased by the neighbor's dog. After all you are invading his territory. When you remember that dogs will chase anything that moves—they will even chase their own tails—it becomes important to be fast on your feet and have a good retreat, preferably some-

place high.

Tabby herself likes to get a workout every now and then, so she will occasionally tease a visiting dog. She just makes sure that she can reach her retreat before she feels the dog's teeth.

If your folks are bringing a new dog in the house, then that's a whole other situation. You can't do much about the neighbor's dog, but you can train a new pup, especially if your humans help.

Most will because they want their cat and dog to get along. They think it's cute for you to snuggle up with the dog. Help them out. Be nice to the dog. Make a friend out of it. If you can't do that, then stay out of its way and let your humans train it for you. Make sure you have a high perch where you can watch.

Your human should learn to control their new dog with a lead and with verbal commands. They should work on two behaviors, "Leave it," and "Down." If they are successful with this you will not have to fear the dog.

Some people crate their dogs at night. This is even better for you. You will be able to wander at night without fear of an ambush.

With a little effort on your

part, you can make friends with the dog and instead of "running scared," you can be "sitting pretty."

Tabby

Dear Tabby,

Do you answer questions from dogs? And if you do, can you help me figure out if I'm allergic to my humans, and if I am, what I can do about it without having to give them up. I've become very attached to them and I'd rather cough and sneeze than have to find a new family.

Cuddly Buddy in Oak Park

Dear Buddy,

I answer questions from all species, even humans, if they seek my help. I can see that you do have a problem, and Tabby will share what she knows.

It is highly unlikely that you are allergic to your humans. It is much more likely that they would be allergic to you! But if this were the case, you would know by now. That is the good news. The bad news is that you probably are allergic to something.

It seems to be common knowledge that when one lives in the Central Valley, one is likely to develop allergies. It's really just a question of when these allergies will crop up, not "if".

Are your allergies seasonal or year round? Are they inhalant allergies, food allergies, or caused by fleas? All can be treated.

Inhalant allergies, whether seasonal or year round respond well to cool baths using a shampoo or rinse that contains aloe vera, oatmeal or eucalyptus.

Tabby can tell you that her allergies have been relieved since she started getting regular baths at "The Clip Shop." Because of the relief these baths have given Tabby, she almost looks forward to them.

Inclusion of Omega 4 and Omega 6 fatty acid in the diet will also help keep the skin supple and healthy.

Some dogs get relief from over the counter antihistamines such as Benadryl, Tavist or Clorotrimeton. However, your owner should be sure to consult a vet for proper dosage before embarking on this course of action.

Drug therapy may be necessary to interrupt the itch cycle, if you have damaged your skin through biting and have a bacterial infection. Steroids such as prednisone fool the body's immune system so that the allergy symptoms disappear.

Steroids should be used carefully because they have side effects. They can cause liver disease or trigger Cushing's disease in older dogs. They also increase appetite and thirst and cause frequent urination. However, small doses are invaluable for a dog with chronic allergies when all else fails.

Prednisone is often prescribed for dogs with skin infections to get the itching under control so that the antibiotic can deal with the bacteria.

If you are allergic to fleas, you absolutely must get your owner to control the fleas. There are a number of products on the market that will make it easy for both of you.

The same is true for food allergies. If you are allergic to your current pet food, get thee to a vet so that you can get on a better diet.

Tabby

## Bow-Wow Bash 2004

Bobbing in a pool of water in hopes of grabbing a hot dog, hurdling jumps and running over obstacles, showing off your best trick or costume: Do you have a four-legged friend who considers these activities a favorite past time? If so bring your canine pal out for a day of fun and games for dogs and their humans, bring them to the Bow-Wow Bash on Saturday, May 22, from 11 am to 4 pm.

This year's games include a pooch smooch, costume contest, trick contest, agility, fly ball, hand me down hound, fastest fetch, best ball catch, bobbing for hot dogs, and hide 'n seek.

No training or prior experience is required for either humans or dogs, and all skill levels are encouraged to attend.

Other activities at the Bow-Wow Bash will include on-site micro chipping, to promote the safe return home of lost or missing dogs, pet product vendors, and awards ceremony. The Bow-Wow Bash is a fundraiser for Pet Play Day, Inc. the 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization that publishes the popular Sacramento Pet Gazette. The bash will be held on seven private acres at 7535 Ridgeview Lane in Penryn, just 25 minutes from downtown Sacramento. ▼

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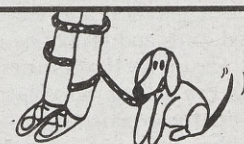
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# HIV Newsline

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By Sonya Cox  
AIDS/HIV Editor

## Targeting Dementia...

Philadelphia University researchers believe they've found the mechanism that HIV uses to destroy brain cells, a discovery that may help explain why as many as a quarter of people with AIDS develop some degree of dementia. The research suggests that proteins produced by HIV travel along at least two bio-chemical pathways that hasten the natural death of neurons and cause the brain to atrophy. Unlike other brain infections, HIV in the brain causes very little inflammation or increase in white blood cells, yet can cause significant damage.

Fewer people taking anti-retroviral drug therapy develop dementia than people not taking the drugs, said the researchers. But it's thought that some unknown genetic differences may make some people more susceptible to brain damage, with the result that no one can predict which people will develop dementia.

The researchers say they hope their findings could lead to a way of stopping the dementia process by blocking the virus, and lead to the development of drugs specifically designed to protect neurons from HIV.

## Ora-Quick test shows excellent results...

The OraQuick rapid HIV test is producing substantially fewer false positives than traditional or FDA-approved lab-based HIV tests, says a report recently published by the Centers for Disease Control. The CDC report is designed to offer guidance specifically to health care workers, hospital administrators and policymakers who are planning and implementing a rapid HIV testing program for pregnant women of unknown HIV status during labor and delivery. CDC recommends that rapid HIV testing be routinely offered to such women to provide the opportunity to reduce mother-to-child transmission of HIV even among women who do not seek care until labor begins.

In January, OraSure received a waiver to fast-track their test, thus permitting its use at more than 180,000 US

## On the HIV Front

sites, including physicians' offices, outreach clinics, and community-based organizations.

## Adult films still in the news...

Within weeks of leading gay adult movie producer Titan Media's decision to take a stand against using any actors who have appeared in films that depict "barebacking," production on straight adult movie sets voluntarily came to a grinding halt as two performers tested HIV-positive.

At least 53 men and women who'd had sex with the two performers or their sex partners were under voluntary quarantine, said a representative of the Adult Industry Healthcare Foundation, which screens adult movie performers each month for HIV and other STDs. Nearly a dozen adult movie companies agreed to the production moratorium until June 8, and none of the performers involved will be working for at least two months until a second HIV test clears them.

The Los Angeles County Public Health Director notified the Foundation that the department was "initiating an official investigation of this outbreak" to limit further spread of the disease and officially requested the list of names.

The California Occupational Safety and Health Administration (Cal/OSHA) is also requesting an investigation of the film company where the two actors apparently became infected after they "performed high-risk sexual acts." The agency pointed out that it is equally important to identify those outside the adult-film industry who might have contracted HIV from those in the business. However, Cal/OSHA cannot officially investigate cases of potential HIV exposure unless those in question are production company employees. Most of the actors are independent contractors and freelancers, and are thus not under the agency's jurisdiction.

To state and county health officials, however, condom use is an important issue of workplace safety. California's state and county health officials say they believe existing regulations give them the authority to require condom use in the production of pornographic movies. Cal/OSHA is set to begin inspections soon,

the first time the agency has investigated the industry.

The adult-film industry employs some 6,000 people in California, including about 1,200 performers. Only two of the 200 adult-film companies in southern California are condoms-only, with only about 200 of the 1,200 performers regularly using condoms, industry insiders said.

## Meth use elevating HIV crisis...

Gay men who use crystal methamphetamine are twice as likely to have unprotected sex, and more than three times as likely to be HIV positive, suggest recent studies by the CDC and the San Francisco Department of Health. Crystal abuse wears down the immune system and adversely interacts with HIV medications, say the researchers.

While most men use the drug occasionally, some gay men use it habitually during sex with multiple partners. Gay organizations in San Francisco and New York have started public awareness campaigns to warn about meth use and risky sex, but little has been done thus far in areas of the south such as Atlanta, where the problem is reported to be just as great. They need to educate gay men that any use—either occasional or habitual—can adversely impact their health status.

## Wisconsin teachers can force students to take HIV test...

Teachers who have had contact with a student's blood can now force the student to undergo an HIV test, thanks to a new state law signed in mid-April by Wisconsin's governor.

The law is the first in the nation to list school district employees in the same class as emergency workers who, in many states, can compel people to be tested in cases of exposure to possibly contaminated blood.

"These are life and death situations," said the Senator

who introduced the bill. A person's right to know if they have been infected with a deadly pathogen outweighs other concerns, she said.

The measure was introduced in response to a case in which a teacher got a student's blood in her eye at a school where some students have a history of drug problems. The teacher requested the student be tested; the student's parents refused; the teacher got a court order for the test and eventually tested negative.

The president of the national PTA said they do not support any state mandate requiring students to take blood tests—that parents should make such decisions. The director of Privacy International called the law "a wild exaggeration" of HIV fears and "an absolute breach of medical privacy." The circumstances in which a teacher might contract HIV from a student's blood are so "exceptional, they're almost nonexistent," he said.

## HIV fusion inhibitor availability expanded...

Wider distribution of the first HIV fusion inhibitor Fuzeon (enfuvirtide) has been announced by developers Trimeris and Hoffman-La Roche. The new simplified system will allow availability of the drug at pharmacies nationwide to allow physicians to give people a prescription that can be filled at any pharmacy.

Still a somewhat staggering \$20,000 for a year's supply, its price is covered by 37 state AIDS drug assistance programs (up from 19 last July), Medicaid, and most private insurers. Roche says the drug's high price is due to the complexity of its six-month manufacturing process, which involves 44 raw materials and more than 100 steps.

Fuzeon blocks HIV from entering immune cells. Because of the cost, and the need for two hard-to-tolerate injections per day (which often leave long-lasting injection-site irritation), and the fact that missed doses easily lead to drug resistance, it's ordinarily prescribed only when other drugs have failed. ▼

## In Loving Memory of Friends Lost in May

**May 1985:**

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**May 1986:**

Art Funamura • Denna Dom

**May 1987:**

Amador Gonzalez

**May 1988:**

David Rivera • David Sheppard

Baby Donald Benham

**May 1989:**

Darrell Fontes • John Pope

Joey Heckman

**May 1990:**

Steven James Cearley • Michael Bringman

**May 1991:**

Mary Sosa • Dale Daniels

John L. Bomar • Ronald James Borzello

**May 1992:**

Roger Rees • Bill Fellos • Jimmy R. Cox III

**May 1993:**

Everett Denman • Phillip Quattrocchi

David Hunt • Kenny Brooks

Larry Hewitt • Michael P. Mallory

**May 1994:**

Tracy McBroom • Ron Dorman

Steve Mabs • Chuck Vickers

Jason Woerner • Theodore H. Rhody, Jr.

Tom "Alaric" Morgan • Jerry Bohlander

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**May 1995:**

Mel Stewart • Gil De Lina • Karl Kessler

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Kerry Swett • Miles Kerley

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Johnny Lance Francescon

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**May 1997**

Robert James Sligar

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**May 1999:**

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Marc Brian Smith • Dwight Graham

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To add the names of loved ones to MGW's remembrance column, CALL 737-0309.

For info about creating a NAMES Project AIDS memorial quilt panel, CALL 484-5646.







# Calendar

## MAY

### 1 SATURDAY

Café Lambda, 9:30pm, Lambda Center, 442-0189 (w)  
THE COMING OUT PARTY, 8pm, Geary Theatre, 2130 L St.  
GERANIUM FESTIVAL, 10am-3pm, Carmichael Park Clubhouse, 332-1493  
THE LARAMIE PROJECT, A PLAY ABOUT MATTHEW SHEPARD, 8pm, Consummes River College, 691-7364  
GSAC COFFEE OUT AT THE TRUE LOVE CAFE, 723-8644  
ORCHESTRA BAORAB, Palace of Fine Arts, SF, www.sfjazz.org  
DESIGNER SHOWCASE HOUSE, 10am-5pm, www.jlsac.org 437-1649  
INTERNATIONAL MIGRATORY BIRD DAY, Sac. Zoo, www.saczo.com, 264-5888

### 2 SUNDAY

THE LARAMIE PROJECT, A PLAY ABOUT MATTHEW SHEPARD, 2pm, Consummes River College, 691-7364  
COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR, 11am-6pm, Sunrise Mall, 676-2522  
LWORD SACRAMENTO WOMYN'S SOCIAL GROUP, 6:45pm, 821-2304 (w)  
WOMEN'S COMING OUT GROUP, 6-7:30pm, Lambda Center, 442-0185  
DESIGNER SHOWCASE HOUSE, 10am-5pm, www.jlsac.org, 437-1649  
54th ANNUAL OPENING DAY BOAT PARADE, www.oldsacramento.com, 558-3912

### 3 MONDAY

AFFECTED COMMUNITIES FORUM, 6-8 pm, Community Service Planning Council, 909 12th St., 447-7063  
LAMBDA AWARDS, 6pm, Doubletree Hotel, 442-0189  
LEAVE MYSELF BEHIND - Bart Yates, 7pm, The Open Book, 498-1004  
DESIGNER SHOWCASE HOUSE, 10am-5pm, www.jlsac.org 437-1649  
HIV HEALTH SERVICES PLANNING COUNCIL FORUM & DINNER, 6pm, 909-12th st., 447-7063, ext. 311

### 4 TUESDAY

HEART TO HEART SUPPORT GROUP, 6:30-8pm, CARES, 443-3299  
DESIGNER SHOWCASE HOUSE, 10am-5pm, www.jlsac.org 437-1649  
DOWNTOWN CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET, 10am-2pm, Roosevelt Park, www.downtownsac.org, 442-8575

### 5 WEDNESDAY

DESIGNER SHOWCASE HOUSE, 10am-5pm, www.jlsac.org (916)437-1649  
DOWNTOWN CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET, 10am-2pm, Cesar Chavez Plaza www.downtownsac.org, 442-8575

### 6 THURSDAY

SAC VALLEY LEATHERMAN EDUCATION, LEATHER 101, 7-9pm, 486-5500  
DESIGNER SHOWCASE HOUSE, 10am-5pm, www.jlsac.org 437-1649  
DOWNTOWN CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET, 10am-2pm, Westfield Downtown Plaza www.downtownsac.org, 442-8575  
SACRAMENTO COUNTY FAIR, Cal Expo, www.sacfair.com, 263-2975

### 7 FRIDAY

80th ANNUAL SHRINE CIRCUS, 7pm, Sacramento Memorial Auditorium, 264-5181  
35th ANNUAL WHOLE EARTH FESTIVAL, Whole Earth Office, 530-752-2569  
PARTNER ENRICHMENT WEEKEND, Foothills, Kate & Sandy, 484-4155  
DESIGNER SHOWCASE HOUSE, 10am-5pm, www.jlsac.org 437-1649  
SACRAMENTO COUNTY FAIR, Cal Expo, www.sacfair.com, 263-2975

### 8 SATURDAY

80th ANNUAL SHRINE CIRCUS, 11am-3pm, & 7pm, Sacramento Memorial Auditorium, 264-5181  
RACE FOR THE CURE, Cal Expo, 492-6474  
35th ANNUAL WHOLE EARTH FESTIVAL, Whole Earth Office, 530-752-2569  
PARTNER ENRICHMENT WEEKEND, Foothills, Kate & Sandy, 484-4155  
COUNTRY HOE DOWN, 12-11pm, Farm Sanctuary, 607-583-2225  
UC DAVIS GOSPEL CHOIR, 7pm, Jackson Hall Mondavi Center, 530-752-7896  
DESIGNER SHOWCASE HOUSE, 10am-5pm, www.jlsac.org 437-1649  
SACRAMENTO COUNTY FAIR, Cal Expo, www.sacfair.com, 263-2975

### 9 SUNDAY

80th ANNUAL SHRINE CIRCUS, Mothers Day Performance, 2:30pm, Sacramento Memorial Auditorium, 264-5181  
35th ANNUAL WHOLE EARTH FESTIVAL, Whole Earth Office, 530-752-2569  
PARTNER ENRICHMENT WEEKEND, Foothills, Kate & Sandy, 484-4155  
COUNTRY HOE DOWN, 9am-2pm, Farm Sanctuary, 607-583-2225  
CA STORM vs NORTH CA BLUES, 5pm, Folsom High Stadium, www.wpsl.info/storm  
WOMEN'S COMING OUT GROUP, 6-7:30pm, Lambda Center, 442-0185  
DESIGNER SHOWCASE HOUSE, 10am-5pm, www.jlsac.org 437-1649  
SACRAMENTO COUNTY FAIR, Cal Expo, www.sacfair.com, 263-2975

### 10 MONDAY

THE TROUBLE BOY - Tom Dolby, 1pm, The Open Book, 498-1004  
DESIGNER SHOWCASE HOUSE, 10am-5pm, www.jlsac.org 437-1649

### 11 TUESDAY

HEART TO HEART SUPPORT GROUP, 6:30-8pm, CARES, 443-3299  
DESIGNER SHOWCASE HOUSE, 10am-5pm, www.jlsac.org 437-1649  
DOWNTOWN CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET, 10am-2pm, Roosevelt Park, www.downtownsac.org, 442-8575

### 12 WEDNESDAY

FEAST FOR THE STREETS, 5-7:30pm, Trinity Cathedral, 2620 Capitol Ave., 443-2646  
PHONG NGUYEN ENSEMBLE, 8pm, Jackson Hall Mondavi Center, 530-752-7896  
DESIGNER SHOWCASE HOUSE, 10am-5pm, www.jlsac.org 437-1649  
DOWNTOWN CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET, 10am-2pm, Cesar Chavez Plaza www.downtownsac.org, 442-8575

### 13 THURSDAY

DESIGNER SHOWCASE HOUSE, 10am-5pm, www.jlsac.org 437-1649  
DOWNTOWN CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET, 10am-2pm, Westfield Downtown Plaza www.downtownsac.org, 442-8575

### 14 FRIDAY

PET FIRST AID WORKSHOPS, SF SPCA, 9am-1pm, SF SPCA, www.sfsPCA.org  
FANDANGOS & TARANTELLAS, 8pm, St. Martin's Episcopal Church, 530-752-7896  
DESIGNER SHOWCASE HOUSE, 10am-5pm, www.jlsac.org 437-1649

### 15 SATURDAY

A LA CART & ART FESTIVAL, 10am-6pm, Mountain View, www.miramarevents.com  
PET FIRST AID WORKSHOPS, SF SPCA, 10am-2pm, SF SPCA, www.sfsPCA.org  
CA STORM vs UT SPIDERS, 7pm, Folsom High Stadium, www.wpsl.info/storm  
DESIGNER SHOWCASE HOUSE, 10am-5pm, www.jlsac.org 437-1649

### 16 SUNDAY

A LA CART & ART FESTIVAL, 10am-6pm, Mountain View, www.miramarevents.com  
UCD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, 8pm, Jackson Hall Mondavi Center, 530-752-7896  
WOMEN'S COMING OUT GROUP, 6-7:30pm, Lambda Center, 442-0185  
DESIGNER SHOWCASE HOUSE, 10am-5pm, www.jlsac.org 437-1649

### 17 MONDAY

LESBIAN CANCER SUPPORT GROUP, 6:30-8pm, Uptown Studio, 446-1082

### 18 TUESDAY

HEART TO HEART SUPPORT GROUP, 6:30-8pm, CARES, 443-3299  
DOWNTOWN CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET, 10am-2pm, Roosevelt Park, www.downtownsac.org, 442-8575

### 19 WEDNESDAY

THE BABATUNDE LEA QUINTET, 8pm Jackson Hall Mondavi Center, 530-752-7896  
DOWNTOWN CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET, 10am-2pm, Cesar Chavez Plaza www.downtownsac.org, 442-8575

### 20 THURSDAY

DOWNTOWN CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET, 10am-2pm, Westfield Downtown Plaza www.downtownsac.org, 442-8575

### 21 FRIDAY

IMPROV WORKSHOP, Uptown Studios, www.uptownstudiosgallery.com, 456-7191  
AMY DISSANAYAKE PIANO, 8pm, Studio Theatre Mondavi Center, 530-752-7896  
LITTLE CHARLIE & THE NIGHTCATS, Cesar Chavez Plaza, publicity@allig.com

### 22 SATURDAY

FERRON BITCH & ANIMAL, 7:30pm, Oakland, 510-339-1832  
IMPROV WORKSHOP, Uptown Studios, www.uptownstudiosgallery.com, 456-7191  
LITTLE CHARLIE & THE NIGHTCATS, 8pm, Constable Jacks, 663-9385

### 23 SUNDAY

JUNE/JEAN MILLINGTON & SLAMMIN' BABES, 3:30pm, Oakland, 510-339-1832  
NEW MUSIC FROM DAVIS WITH EMPYREAN ENSEMBLE, 8pm, Studio Theatre Mondavi Center, 530-752-7896  
WOMEN'S COMING OUT GROUP, 6-7:30pm, Lambda Center, 442-0185

### 24 MONDAY

MONDAY NIGHT GAY COMEDY, 8pm, SF Community Center, 1800 Market Street, 415-541-5610

### 25 TUESDAY

HEART TO HEART SUPPORT GROUP, 6:30-8pm, CARES, 443-3299  
DOWNTOWN CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET, 10am-2pm, Roosevelt Park, www.downtownsac.org, 442-8575

### 26 WEDNESDAY

UNIVERSITY CONCERT BAND, 8pm, Jackson Hall Mondavi Center, 530-752-7896  
DOWNTOWN CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET, 10am-2pm, Cesar Chavez Plaza www.downtownsac.org, 442-8575

### 27 THURSDAY

INTERNATIONAL MR. LEATHER - Chicago, Opening Ceremonies, 9pm, Hyatt Regency Grand Ballroom, www.imrl.com  
DOWNTOWN CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET, 10am-2pm, Westfield Downtown Plaza www.downtownsac.org, 442-8575

### 28 FRIDAY

INTERNATIONAL MR. LEATHER - Chicago, 12th Annual Mr. Bootblack Competition, Hyatt Regency, The Leather Market, 12-7pm, Hyatt Regency, Lower Level, www.imrl.com

### 29 SATURDAY

INTERNATIONAL MR. LEATHER - Chicago, 12th Annual Mr. Bootblack Competition, Hyatt Regency, The Leather Market, 11am-7pm, Hyatt Regency, Lower Level; Pecs & Personality, 9pm, Hyatt Regency Grand Ballroom, www.imrl.com

### 30 SUNDAY

INTERNATIONAL MR. LEATHER - Chicago, 12th Annual Mr. Bootblack Competition, Hyatt Regency, 26th Annual Mr. Leather Competition, 6:30pm, Congress Theatre, The Leather Market, 11am-5pm, Hyatt Regency, Lower Level; IML Victory Party, After Competition; www.imrl.com  
CA STORM vs DENVER KICKERS, 7pm, Folsom High Stadium, www.wpsl.info/storm  
WOMEN'S COMING OUT GROUP, 6-7:30pm, Lambda Center, 442-0185

### 31 MONDAY

INTERNATIONAL MR. LEATHER - Chicago, The Leather Market, 11am-4pm, Hyatt Regency, Lower Level; Black & Blue Ball, 8pm-4am, Excelsior; www.imrl.com  
CA STORM vs DENVER DIAM., 4pm, Folsom High Stadium, www.wpsl.info/storm

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## MASTER EVENTS CALENDAR

Palm Springs International Film Festival, www.palm-springs.org	January 8-9, 2004
Sacramento Freedom Fair, 442-0185	June 5, 2004
San Francisco Lesbian & Gay Film Festival, 415-703-8650	June 2004
First Day of Summer	June 21, 2004
Los Angeles Pride Parade, www.lapride.org	June 22, 2004
San Francisco Pride Parade, 415-864-0831, sfpride.org	June 28-29, 2004
Sweden Gay Pride, www.visit-sweden.com	July 30-August 3, 2004
Montreal's GLBT Celebration, diversite.org	August 2004
Michigan Womyn's Music Festival, 231-757-4766	August 2004
Provincetown GLBT Family Week, 619-296-0199, familypride.org	August 2004
Sacramento Sierra Stampede, 978-4040	August 2004
Strawberry Music Festival, strawberrymusic.com	August 28-September 1, 2004
Sacramento Rainbow Festival 2003, 448-7798	Labor Day Weekend
Folsom Street Fair San Francisco	September 2004
Chico Pride Festival, chicopride2001@hotmail.com	September 2004
Sacramento Valley Aids Walk	September 2004
Palm Springs Short Film Festival, www.palm-springs.org	September 2004
Rosh Hashanah (begins at sundown)	September 2004
S.F. Castro Street Fair, 415-467-3354	October 2004
National Coming Out Day	October 2004
Breast Cancer Awareness Month	October 2004
Yom Kippur (begins at sundown)	October 2004
Interpride, www.interpride.org	October 2004
Out on Film-The Gay & Lesbian Film Festival, www.palm-springs.org	October 2004
Indigenous People's Day	October 11, 2004
Daylight Savings Time Ends	October 31, 2004
Halloween	October 31, 2004
Greater Palm Springs Pride, www.palm-springs.org	November 5-6, 2004
Election Day (Please Vote!)	November 2, 2004
Veteran's Day	November 11, 2004
California Domestic Partners Law Anniversary	November 16, 2002
Happy Thanksgiving	November 25, 2004
S.F. Harvey Milk and George Moscone Killed	November 27, 1978
Hanukkah (begins at sundown)	December 17, 2004
First Day of Winter	December 21, 2004
Merry Christmas!	December 25, 2004
Kwanzaa begins	December 26, 2004
New Year's Eve	December 31, 2004
New Year's Day	January 1, 2005

## THEATRE / DANCE / ORCHESTRA

LIGHT OPERA THEATRE OF SAC: 2791 24th St., www.lightoperasac.org  
ACTOR'S THEATRE: 533 Sutter St., SF, www.actorsat.com, 415-724-1092  
AMERICAN RIVER COLLEGE, Two Gentlemen thru - May 2, 484-8433  
BRAVA THEATRE, 2789-24th St (24th & York Sts.) SF, 415-647-2822, www.brava.org  
CAMELLIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Mother's Day Concert, May 9, 2 PM, Tsakopoulos Library Galleria; Voices Past and Present, May 15, 8 PM, Westminster Presbyterian Church; 929-6655  
CASTRO THEATRE: 415-640-1995  
CSUS ALUMNI THEATRE: 278-3330  
CHANTICLEER: (415) 252-8589  
CONSERVATORY THEATRE CENTER: (415) 861-8972, (415) 861-8972  
EXIT THEATRE: 277 Taylor St., 415-673-3847  
FAIR OAKS THEATRE FESTIVAL: Theatre Under the Stars; June 18 - July 25; American River College, 4700 College Oak Dr., (916) 484-8433

FOOTHILL THEATRE: 530-265-9320  
GARBEAU'S DINNER THEATRE: 985-6361  
GEARY THEATRE: 448-9019, 22 & L Streets  
GEARY THEATRE: 405 Geary St., SF, 415-749-2228  
GOLDEN GATE THEATRE: 1 Taylor St., SF, 415-512-7770  
HERBST THEATRE: Sforzini  
SF GLBT COMMUNITY CENTER: 1800 Market Street; comedy; www.sfglbtcc.com  
JEAN RUNYON LITTLE THEATRE: 1515 J St; 877-834-4673  
MAGIC THEATRE: Ft. Mason Center, Landmark Bldg. D, SF, 415-771-5505  
MARINES MEMORIAL THEATRE: 609 Sutter St, SF, 877-771-6900  
MONDAVI CENTER: 530-754-2787  
MURDER MYSTERY DINNERS: 1000 Fulton St, SF, incantationintrigue.com  
NEW CONSERVATORY THEATRE CENTER: 25 Van Ness, SF, 415-861-4914  
RIVER STAGE: box office 691-7364  
SAC COMMUNITY CENTER: Thoroughly Modern Millie, May 5-16, The Producers,

June 9-July 4, sacbroadwayseries.com  
SAC OPERA, Community Center Theater, 13th & L, 264-5181  
SAC THEATRE COMPANY: Arranged Marriage, thru May 9, 8pm, 1419 H St., 443-6722  
SAN FRANCISCO OPERA COMPANY: June 16, 7:30 PM; War Memorial Opera House, 301 Van Ness, (415) 864-3330, sfopera.com  
SAN JOSE, MUSICAL THEATRE OF: San Jose Center for the Performing Arts, 255 Almaden B.; 888-455-SHOW  
STUDIO THEATRE: Alice, March 16 - May 15, 1028 R St., 446-2668  
T STREET THEATRE: 4623 T St. 264-8890  
THEATRE RHINOCEROS: A Love Story, May 8-June 7; 2926 16th St., SF, 415-861-5079  
THE WOODLAND OPERA HOUSE: 340 Second St., Woodland, 530-666-9617  
WELLS FARGO PAVILION: Thoroughly Modern Millie, May 5-16; The Producers, June 9 - July 4, 2004, 1419 H St, 557-1999

## ART GALLERIES

20TH STREET ART GALLERY: 911 20th St, 930-0500, www.20thstart.com  
BRICK HOUSE GALLERY: Karen Pearson, Color is a Place, May 8-31, by appointment only. Reception May 8, 6-9 PM; 2837 36th St. 457-2502  
CA. PALACE OF THE LEGION OF HONOR: Art Deco Capitalism: Fortune magazine in the 1930's, thru June 6, 100 34th Ave, SF  
CHROMA GALLERY: Inspiration, Artistic Exploration to Celebrate Mother's Day, May 8 - June 6, Reception May 8, 4-9 PM, 10030 Fair Oaks Blvd. Fair Oaks, www.thechromagallery.com  
CROCKER ART MUSEUM: Northern Visions of Rome and Ruins: Dutch, German and French drawings, CA. 1580-1780, thru May 16; The Grandeur of Rome: Prints by Giovanni Battista Piranesi, thru May 16; Early Wedgewood Ceramics, thru May 16; Renoir and His Circle, May 8 - July 11; California's Second Wave: The Blair Collection of Abstract Expressionism, May 8 - July 11; Genetic Engineering: Sculpture by Gerald Heffernan, May 29-Aug. 22; Mongolian Art: A living Landscape, July 31 - Oct. 3; Indian Miniatures, July 31 - Oct. 3; Drawing in Italy from 1550 - 1650, Sept. 11 - Nov.

7; Edward Weston: Life Work, Nov. 20 - Jan. 30, 2005, 216 O St, www.crockerartmuseum.org  
EXPLODING HEAD GALLERY: David Limrite: The Ones Within, Lawrence McLaughlin, Concrete Sculpture, May 5 - June 4, Reception May 8, 6-9 PM, 924 12th St., 442-8424  
HANG ART: Matt Condron: Still Inside; Paul Brigham: Undercurrents, Opening Reception May 6, 6-8 PM, 556 & 557 Sutter St., SF, 415-434-4264  
JOHN NATSOULAS GALLERY: 521 First St, Davis, 530-756-3938  
MUSEUM OF GLBT HISTORY: Saint Harvey: The Life and Afterlife of a Modern Gay Martyr; June 6 - April 4, 2004, 657 Mission St., www.glbthistory.org  
PHOENIX GALLERY: Melissa Chandon: Moments of Expressed Impression, May 6th - May 31st, Reception May 8, 6-9 PM, 1901 Capitol Ave 447-1632  
PIONEER TOWERS ART GALLERY: 515 P Street, 916-443-6548  
RICHARD L. NELSON GALLERY: Robert Arneson, thru Oct. 8, (in the alter a Buehler Alumni & Visitor's Center); Brenda Louie, thru May 21; UCD 2004

Masters of Fine Art, June 4-25, Reception June 4, 5-7 PM, UCD One Shields Avenue, 530-752-8500, www.nelsongallery.ucdavis.edu  
SF MOMA: Art of the 1990's, thru May 23; Romare Bearden, thru May 16; Larry Sultan, The Valley, May 8 - August 1, 151 3rd St., SF, 415-357-4000  
SOLOMON DUBNICK: Monique Passicot, The Treasure Hunt, Oil Paintings & Drawings, May 6 - June 5, Reception June 5, 6-9 PM, Mark Bryan, Bread & Circus, Oil on Panel, May 6 - June 5, Reception May 8, 6-9 PM, 2131 Northrup Ave., 923-6204  
TOWE AUTO MUSEUM: 2200 Front St.  
TOWER FRAMING & DESIGN GALLERY: The Art of the Cycle/The Cycle of Art; May 1 - 29, Tues. - Sat. 11-6. Reception May 8, 6-9 PM, 2131 Northrup, Suite 8, 923-6204  
UP TOWN STUDIOS: Reflections on Women - The Strength Within, Sept. 11 - Oct. 8, 912 1/2 J St, 446-1082  
VIEWPOINT GALLERY: 441-2341  
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